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UNTOLD BUDGET STORY: MANY GOP PRO-LIFERS CAVE IN. WILSON WON'T CUT FAMILY PLANNING.

Editor's note: When the story of this year's 1995-96 budget battle is finally written, there should be a chapter about fight over funding for family planning. Here's our update & analysis...

...When the story is written it will include the fact that the PRO-LIFE movement in the CA Republican Party took some major body blows in 1995 and suffered a major defeat in the budget negotiations. Of the 20 GOP Assemblymembers who vowed *never to vote for this budget* because of the approximately \$63 million in funds for family planning (read that has abortion funding), only seven(7) refused to back down. In other words, 13 of the original 20 caved, including all GOP Assemblymembers from Orange Co., who with the exception of Marilyn Brewer, are Pro-Life. Pro-Life forces haven't figured out what their next step is in light of what happened, but there's going to have to be some new strategy for keeping Pro-Life lawmakers in line. FYI: Perhaps one unintended consequence of the vote is that GOP lawmakers who are Pro-Choice may now have some *political cover* from primary challenges...

...The seven GOPers who stood their ground included Barbara Alby of Sacto; Bernie Richter of Chico; Steve Baldwin of La Mesa; Bill Hoge of Pasadena; Bob Margett of Arcadia; Howard Kaloojian of Carlsbad; and Bruce Thompson of Temecula...

...Originally, the group of 20 had asked Gov. Wilson to cut abortion funding in half. Wilson wouldn't go along. When Wilson first took office in 1991, the budget for family planning was around \$30 million. So in 5 years it has almost doubled. Toward the end of the negotiations, the group of 20 Pro-Lifers reportedly told Wilson that they'd vote for the budget if he'd use his *blue pencil* to line-item veto part of the funds. Again, Wilson

said no deal. Finally, when many of the 20 had broken ranks, it was still hoped that Wilson might slice \$4-5 million from the appropriations. No soap...

...FYI: Another hot budget topic was Wilson's attempt to cut *pre-natal care* for illegals and use part of that money to create a new healthcare program for the working poor. But the CA Medical Assn., the CA Nurses Assn. and other health group *objected*, pointing out that Wilson's proposal would create a new bureaucracy with no increase in service. The health lobby said that if Wilson modified his proposal, they'd go along. Wilson backed down and has agreed to negotiate. Stay tuned...

S.F. DA'S UPDATE: FAZIO AND HALLINAN BLOCK DEMO CENTRAL CMT. ENDORSEMENT FOR SMITH.

Editor's note: Getting the endorsement of the S.F. County Demo Central Cmt. is a major coup for any local candidate. But in a major upset, incumbent DA Arlo Smith was denied the endorsement. Here's our update, with a brief report on the Mayor's race...

...On July 26th, the Demo Central Cmt. endorsed Willie Brown for mayor, Michael Hennessey for county sheriff, but failed to endorse Smith for reelection. Thus when thousands of Demos get their *slate card* from the Demo Central Cmt. before the Nov. 7th election, there will be no endorsement in the DA's race...

...Neutral sources say that because Smith had sent out a list of endorsements --- noting that he had backing from 2/3rds of the Central Cmt. --- the failure to win that endorsement is viewed as a *major setback* and a victory for both of Smith's key challengers, S.F. Co. Sup. Terence Hallinan and former Asst. DA Bill Fazio. When word of the cmt.'s vote became public, it was big news in S.F....

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...On the 1st ballot, Smith got 14 votes, Fazio 2, Hallinan 11, no endorsement 2, Assemblyman John Burton abstained and U.S. Rep. Tom Lantos (or his rep) didn't show up. On the 2nd ballot, Hallinan and Fazio both instructed their supporters to vote for **no endorsement**. The final vote: no endorsement 15, Arlo Smith 14...

...After the voting, S.F. Co. Demo Chair Matthew Rothschild announced his resignation. He is running for a muni court judgeship and thus has to step down from his party job. Natalie Berg has replaced him...

...In campaign reports, Smith raised a total of \$68,000 and had \$23,000 COH, while Fazio raised \$37,000 and had \$30,000 COH. Hallinan didn't raise funds during this period, thus no report...

...FYI: Sources report there were about 4 polls in the field this past week --- some or all of them dealing with the mayor's race. Perhaps that explains why on July 28th a Clint Reilly mailer for Mayor Frank Jordan hit in some 100,000 S.F. households. Smart. Stay tuned...

**67th A.D. UPDATE: FAX WARS IN ALLEN RECALL.
IT'S THE DORIS WATCH VS. THE RECALL WATCH.**

Editor's note: In the battle to recall GOP Assembly Speaker Doris Allen of Cypress, both side are trying to win friends and influence the news media with a series of competing and entertaining FAX memos. Here's our brief report & analysis...

...The traditional news media isn't reporting this aspect of the recall because this sort of stuff is *inside baseball* and not for the general public. But it's great for CAL-PEEK. The *dueling faxes* are called The Doris Watch (PRO recall) and Recall Watch (ANTI recall). Both are entertaining and fun to read, although The Doris Watch tends to inflate its numbers. For the past few weeks both sides have faxed once or twice per week...

...Is there any news value in the dueling faxes? YES. For example, thanks to Recall Watch (anti recall) we now know that Jeff Flint is IN as the daily mgr. of the recall and Jim Righeimer is OUT. No shock, given what we reported last week about Righeimer getting some bad publicity in a local paper. We've also learned from Recall Watch that recall supporters hired COGS to place a bunch of Recall Doris signs in the 67th A.D...

...Both faxes can be downright nasty, but that's the entertaining part. In The Doris Watch(pro recall), Assembly Majority Leader Jan Goldsmith is called *Jan Goldigger*. And there's a shot or two at Bernie Richter, Barbara Stone and Gil Ferguson. But when it comes to getting real nasty, Recall Watch (anti recall) may have won the battle this past week. In the current issue there's a sub-head which reads, "**Further OUTings.**" We're not going to get into the specifics, but there are some innuendoes about sexual preferences of those who favor the Allen recall. Bottomline: Allen's supporters are very good at playing political hardball and her supporters don't take POWs. Stay tuned...

**DEMO ACTIVIST & FUNDRAISER DUANE GARRETT'S
SUICIDE SHOCKS CALIF. 'S POLITICAL COMMUNITY.**

The apparent suicide of 49-year-old Duane Garrett of San Francisco has left Calif.'s political community in a state of shock. According to news reports, Garrett's body was spotted July 26th in the waters off the north tower of the Golden Gate Bridge. In some later news stories in the Bay area and in some legal newspapers, there was some speculation that his sports memorabilia business was in financial trouble. Garrett was a major player in Calif. and S.F. politics and close to a number of nationally prominent Demos, including VP Al Gore and Interior Sec. Bruce Babbitt. In the 1994 election cycle, Garrett was a key advisor to both U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein and to Demo gubernatorial candidate John Garamendi. Garrett got his reputation as being one of the biggest Demo fundraisers in the 1980s. He was former VP Walter Mondale's biggest fundraiser in 1984, when Mondale challenged Ronald Reagan. In 1988, Garrett backed Babbitt's unsuccessful presidential bid. After '84, Garrett was as much a strategist & guru as a fundraiser. In addition to his business interests, Garrett was also a talk show host for KGO Radio. Perhaps CDP chair Bill Press summed it up best when he said we'll never know what demons were inside Duane that caused him to take his own life. R.I.P...

AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL.

The American Legislative Exchange Council(ALEC) will conduct its 22nd annual meeting, beginning Aug. 9 and running to Aug. 12 at the San Diego Marriot Hotel & Marina. Scheduled to speak are Gov. Pete Wilson, U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, former TN Gov. Lamar Alexander; House Speaker Newt Gingrich. For info, ☎ Kerry Jackson at (619)230-8374 after Aug. 5th...

17th A.D. RECALL: BALLOTS ARE BEING MAILED.

Just a very brief update on the 17th A.D. recall aimed at Assemblyman Mike Machado(D-Linden). The recall election is set for Aug. 22nd. As of 8/2 there were approximately 35,000 requests for absentee ballots generated by both sides in the recall, plus another 2,000 requests generated by the sample ballot, which has a request form on the back page. The registrar mailed a huge number of ballots on July 28th and more are being mailed daily. There wasn't an exact count of ballots returned when CALPEEK checked on 8/2, but officials say several thousand have now come back. We'll have another update next week, but Demos believe they have generated 23,000 to 25,000 of the requests for AV ballots. Stay tuned...

MAYOR RIORDAN TO ADDRESS WEST L.A. GOP.

L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan will address members of the West L.A. Lincoln Club, 6:30 p.m., Aug. 16, Regency Club, West L.A. For info & RSVPs, ☎ Sarah Kane at (818)345-2310...

CAMPAIGN '96: ADDING MORE NAMES TO THE MIX.

Editor's note: Here's another update on who's IN and who's OUT in U.S. House & Legislative races for '96. As financial reports come in, we'll also update you on how much the candidates are raising...

☒ **13th A.D.** - S.F. Co. Sup. Carole Migden(D) may end up as the top money raiser for the reporting period ending June 30th. Money raised was \$160,000, with \$110,000 cash-on-hand(COH). Migden has hired the Campaign Performance Group for mail & strategy and Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Assoc. for polling...

☒ **16th A.D.** - Another big fundraiser for the reporting period was former Alameda Co. Sup. Don Perata (D), who claimed \$154,000 raised and \$118,000 COH. One of his primary opponents, Oakland Councilwoman Dezie Woods-Jones(D) reported \$62,268 raised and \$58,981 COH. Woods-Jones has hired Staton, Hughes & Shafer as her consultants...

☒ **67th A.D.** - This is the seat which now belongs to Assembly Speaker Doris Allen(R-Cypress), who is *termed out* in '96. Businesswoman Haydee V. Tillotson (R) seems to be the frontrunner now that Jim Righheimer has bowed out. Although there are rumors that former Assemblyman Dennis "Dr. No" Brown(R), who

works for State Sen. Ross Johnson(R-O.C.), is looking here, Tillotson operatives say that Brown told them he wasn't going to run. Other sources believe that could change. Tillotson has hired McNally Temple & Assoc. as her lead consultants. John Cronin will serve as finance chair and the campaign HQ is up and running. ☎ (714)895-9652...

☒ **14th A.D.** - Former Albany Mayor Robert Cheasty(D) has hired the Campaign Performance Group as his direct mail consultant. Veronica Jordan will handle daily mgt. chores...

☒ **44th A.D.** - Current Assemblyman Bill Hoge(R-Pasadena) will probably give up this seat to run for the 21st S.D. If that's the case, then sources report that Wilbur Smith(R), who ran for State Sup. of Public Inst. last year as a pro-voucher candidate, will run for this seat. Sources say Smith will be well funded...

☒ **27th S.D.** - Add the name of former LAPD Harbor Division Capt. Bob McVey to the list of GOP candidates who want to replace Bob Beverly(R), who is *termed out* in '96. McVey has hired consultant Tom Shortridge to manage his campaign...

☒ **13th S.D.** - Demo Silicon Valley exec. Tom Hayes reports raising \$122,115 during the period and shows \$100,217 COH. Hayes, 35, an executive with Applied Materials, notes that there were **no** PAC contributions in this first report. Hayes has hired Staton, Hughes & Shafer to manage his campaign. Hayes' rival is well known Assemblyman John Vasconcellos, who has hired consultant Robinson Communications to run his campaign. FYI: Vasco's list of hi-tech endorsers includes David Packard, who has also endorsed Hayes. What's going on here???

☒ **24th A.D.** - This is the seat currently held by GOP freshman Jim Cunneen of Campbell. Sources tell CALPEEK that Barbara Perzigian is a name that is being talked up in Demo circles as a challenger. She is the former head of Citizen Action in the Southbay and is now an executive with Transportation Displays, Inc. If Perzigian runs, she'll have backing from new U.S. Rep. Zoe Lofgren(D-San Jose)...

ALAMEDA CORRIDOR TOPIC FOR PA OFFICERS.

The Alameda Corridor project, a 20-mile link between downtown L.A. and the Ports of Long Beach and L.A., will be the topic of discussion when the L.A. Public Affairs Officers Assn. hold their monthly meeting on Aug. 15. Gill Hicks, executive director of the project, will be the guest speaker. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Hotel Inter-Continental, L.A. For info & RSVPs, ☎ Debby Ishihara at (818)777-3591...

CALPEEK's INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

◆ **CCRI to File Initiative** - Backers of the one and only CA Civil Rights Initiative(CCRI) will file their measure with the AG's office on Aug. 7th for Title & Summary. If all goes as anticipated, the measure will qualify for the November '96 ballot...

◆ **Another Wilson Recall?** - Shortly after the UC Board of Regents decided to pull the plug on their long-standing affirmative action program, Jesse Jackson, the on-again-off-again Demo presidential hopeful, announced that he was going to launch a recall drive against Gov. Pete Wilson(R), the off-again-on-again GOP presidential hopeful, who led the fight to end affirmative action at UC. Reaction from some insiders (*tongue firmly planted against cheek*) is that Wilson's team are fools if they can't somehow find a way to fund Jackson's effort. It's great press for Wilson and actually helps him with conservatives. But most insiders simply say Jackson's recall won't go anywhere because he can't raise the money to fund such a drive. To qualify a recall requires a minimum of 1,039,845 valid signatures, meaning you'd have to get at least another 200,000 to insure qualification. End of story...

◆ **Women's Equality Day** - Mark your calendars for 9:30 a.m. to noon, Aug. 26th (Saturday). What's so important about this day? It's the 75th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote. Taking part in an L.A. City Hall rally that day will be a coalition of women's organizations. For info about this event, contact Joy Picus at (818)346-6291...

◆ **Cap'n Crunch Time at the L.A. Times** - Just days after it announced the closing of New York News-

day, Times Mirror Corp. terminated 150 editorial employees at the flagship paper in L.A. No political or major metro staffers were axed, but in Sacto, longtime staffer Jerry Gillam took early retirement and Cynthia Craft was let go. All of this happened just months after former General Mills executive Mark H. Willes took over as president and CEO of Times Mirror Corp. FYI: The LAT wasn't the only L.A.-based news organization to cut staff. Los Angeles Magazine also has undergone a major shake up under new editor Robert Sam Anson. OUT are former editor Lew Harris and executive editor Rodger Claire, movie critic Rod Lurie, restaurant critic Bruce David Colen and at least 14 other contributing editors...

L.A. COUNCILWOMAN GOLDBERG AT L.A. FORUM.

L.A. Councilwoman Jackie Golden will be the guest speaker when the L.A. Current Affairs Forum holds its monthly meeting, 11:30 a.m., reception, 12 noon lunch, Aug. 24, Hyatt Regency Hotel, downtown L.A. For info & RSVPs, ☎ Emma Schafer at (310)445-8862...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: Richard M. Neustadt, 47, of Santa Monica, was killed in a rafting accident in Calif. on July 2. He was an active member of the Calif. DLC's Board of Directors and was chair of the DLC's CA policy committee. R.I.P...

● Attorney Shawn Steel has moved his office to 8383 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 640, Beverly Hills, CA 90211. ☎ (213)951-9000...

● Tom Dey, a 10-year vet as Sr. VP of Tenet Healthcare's PA unit, has joined the Sacto office of Goddard * Claussen/First Tuesday as a VP...

● Decision Research, the San Diego-based polling firm, has hired Randi Mack as a sr. associate in the firm's DC office. Also hired is Charles Ellis as a research analyst in the firm's San Diego office...

● D'Lynda Fischer has been elected president of the NWPC's Westside Chpt. for the 1995-96 year. Fischer is a West Hollywood Planning Commissioner and is the owner of Fischer Associates, an urban planning firm...